Cancer Community Plans to Rally for Research

Researchers and Students from the University of South Carolina and Volunteers for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Will Call for Increased Federal Funding for Cancer Research

Columbia, SC – Aug. 25, 2017 – The local cancer community – researchers, university leaders, and students – will gather on Tuesday, August 29 for a Rally for Research to call on Congress to reject any cuts to federal cancer research funding and support increased budget for this lifesaving work. Organized by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), this event will bring together a crowd of passionate volunteers who believe that federal funding for cancer research should be a national priority.

Earlier this year, the White House budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2018 included a $7.2 billion cut for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and a $1.2 billion cut for cancer research funded at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). ACS CAN advocates call on Congress to reject those cuts and instead increase funding at the NIH by $2 billion.

From now through the Fall, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees will be working on their respective budget bills. To ensure that the cancer voice is heard during this process, patients, survivors and volunteers across the country will be participating in rallies, signing petitions and reaching out directly to their lawmakers.

“I plan to rally for the more than 1.6 million people in America expected to be diagnosed with cancer this year, who are depending on research to treat their disease and help sustain their quality of life,” said Jan Eberth, ACS CAN volunteer. “Together with my friends and family, I call on Congress to increase funding for cancer research and bring us one step closer to making cancer a manageable, non-life-threatening disease.”

For more information about South Carolina’s Rally for Research please contact: Carrie.Morphis@cancer.org to learn more.

WHO: Researchers and students from the University of South Carolina and ACS CAN volunteers calling on Congress to make cancer research funding a national priority.

WHAT: Rally for Research

WHERE: Room 140 of the Discovery building, on the University of South Carolina Campus

WHEN: Tuesday, August 29, 2017, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

About ACS CAN
ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard. For more information, visit www.acscan.org.

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